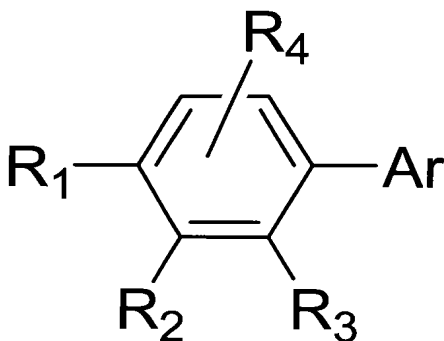


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A material for an organic electroluminescence device comprising a compound represented by the following general formula (1):



(1)

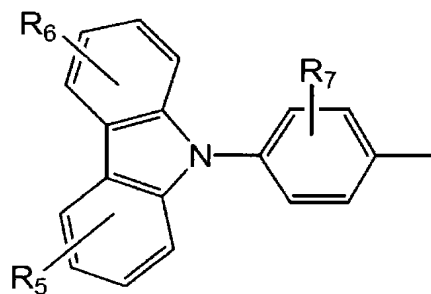
where:

Ar represents a group selected from an aryl group which has 6 to 24 ring carbon atoms and which may have a substituent, a carbazolyl group which may have a substituent, and a carbazolyphenyl group which may have a substituent;

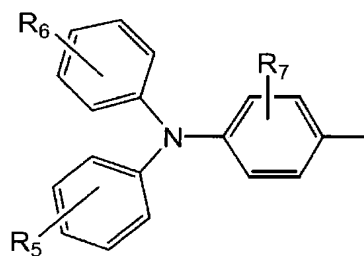
R₁ represents a group represented by the following general formula (2) or (3);

at least one of R₂ and R₃ represents a group represented by the following general formula (2) ~~or (3)~~, and the other represents a group represented by the following general formula (2), a group represented by the following general formula (3), a hydrogen atom, or an aryl group which has 6 to 24 ring carbon atoms and which may have a substituent; and

R₄ represents a hydrogen atom or an aryl group which has 6 to 24 ring carbon atoms and which may have a substituent:



(2)



(3)

where R₅, R₆, and R₇ each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a substituent.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) A material for an organic electroluminescence device according to claim 1, wherein one of R₂ and R₃ in the general formula (1) represents a group represented by the general formula (2) or (3), and the other represents a group represented by the general formula (2), a group represented by the general formula (3), a hydrogen atom, or an aryl group which has 6 to 24 ring carbon atoms and which may have a substituent.

Claim 3. (Original) A material for an organic electroluminescence device according to claim 1, wherein R₂ or R₃, and R₁ each represent a group represented by the general formula (2).

Claim 4. (Original) A material for an organic electroluminescence device according to claim 1, wherein the material is included as a host material in a light emitting layer of an organic electroluminescence device.

Claim 5. (Original) An electroluminescence device comprising an anode, a cathode and an organic thin film layer which comprises one layer or a plurality of layers comprising at least a light emitting layer and is disposed between the anode and the cathode, wherein at

least one layer in the organic thin film layer comprises the material for an organic electroluminescence device described in claim 1.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) An ~~organic~~ electroluminescence device according to claim 5, wherein the light emitting layer contains a host material and a phosphorescent material, and the host material comprises the material for an organic electroluminescence device described in claim 1.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) An ~~organic~~ electroluminescence device according to claim 5, wherein a reducing dopant is added to an interfacial region between the cathode and the organic thin film layer.

Claim 8. (New) A material for an organic electroluminescence device according to claim 1, wherein R4 in the general formula (1) represents a hydrogen atom.

Claim 9. (New) A material for an organic electroluminescence device according to claim 1, wherein one of R2 and R3 in the general formula (1) represents a group represented by the general formula (2), and the other represents a hydrogen atom.

Claim 10. (New) A material for an organic electroluminescence device according to claim 1, wherein R1 in the general formula (1) represents a group represented by the general formula (2).